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BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES AND INSURANCE MONTANA STATE AUDITOR

)) Case No.: SEC-2012-298
)) CONSENT AGREEMENT AND
) FINAL ORDER

This Consent Agreement (Agreement) and Final Order (Order) is entered into by the Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI), acting pursuant to the authority of the Securities Act of Montana, Mont. Code Ann. § 30-10-101, et seq. (Act), and Thibeault Financial Advisory, Inc. (Respondent).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the CSI conducted a registration review of Respondent;

WHEREAS, the CSI determined Brete Thibeault was employed by Respondent at its office in Big Timber, Montana;

WHEREAS, the CSI determined that Mr. Thibeault acted as Respondent's investment advisor representative at least 75 times since February 2010;

WHEREAS, the CSI determined that Mr. Thibeault was registered with the CSI from 1992-2009, but that Mr. Thibeault's registration lapsed in February 2010;

WHEREAS, the CSI determined that the Respondent was properly registered during this period;

WHEREAS, the CSI determined that Respondent owed \$100.00 in back registration fees for Mr. Thibeault;

WHEREAS, the CSI alleges that Respondent violated Mont. Code Ann. § 30-10-201(5) by employing an investment advisor representative who was not properly registered to transact investment advisory business, and who lacked an exemption from the Act; and

WHEREAS, the CSI and the Respondent agree that the best interests of the public would be served by entering into this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings contained in this Agreement, the CSI and the Respondent hereby agree to settle this matter pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

STIPULATIONS AND CONSENTS

Without admitting or denying any of the CSI's allegations, the Respondent stipulates and consents to the following:

- 1. Within 10 days from the execution of this Agreement and Order, Respondent shall pay a \$500.00 fine to the state of Montana. The fine should be made payable to the Montana State Auditor's Office and sent to the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, c/o Jameson C. Walker, Attorney, 840 Helena Avenue, Helena, MT 59601.
- 2. Within 10 days from the execution of this Agreement and Order, Respondent shall pay registration fees for 2 years prior to this agreement, totaling \$100.00.
- Respondent shall register its representative with the CSI before transacting any additional securities business.

- 4. The Respondent fully and forever releases and discharges the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (Commissioner), the CSI, and all of the CSI's employees and agents from any and all actions, claims, causes of action, demands, or expenses for damages or injuries, whether asserted or unasserted, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, arising out of this Agreement.
- 5. This Agreement is entered without adjudication of any issue, law, or fact. It is entered into solely for the purpose of resolving the CSI's registration review and allegations and is not intended to be used for any other purpose. For any person or entity not a party to this Agreement, this Agreement does not limit or create any private rights or remedies against the Respondent including limit or create liability of Respondent, or limit or create defenses of Respondent, to any claims.
- 6. Upon execution of this Agreement, the Respondent acknowledges and waives its right to appeal the Commissioner's Order.
- 7. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and no other promises or agreements, either express or implied, have been made by the CSI or by any member, officer, agent, or representative of the CSI to induce Respondent to enter into this Agreement.
- 8. This Agreement may not be modified orally and any subsequent modifications to this Agreement must be mutually agreed upon in writing to be effective.
- This Agreement shall be incorporated into and made a part of the attached Final
 Order issued by the Commissioner herein.

- Upon execution of this Agreement, the CSI will not commence an administrative 10. action against the Respondent based upon the activities giving rise to the CSI's registration review that occurred prior to the execution of this Agreement.
 - This Consent Agreement shall be effective upon signing of the Final Order. 11.
- This Order shall not constitute a final judgment or decree as provided by Mont. 12. Code Ann. § 30-10-305(2).
- Respondent further understands that, upon the signing of the Final Order by the 13. Commissioner or her representative, this Agreement will be an order of the Commissioner and failure to comply with the same may constitute separate violations of the Montana Securities Code, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 30-10-305 and/or other applicable statutes or rules, and may result in subsequent legal action by the CSI.
- The Agreement is a public record under Montana law and as such may not be 14. sealed or otherwise withheld from the public.

DATED this H day of Javan 2613,

MONTANA STATE AUDITOR

Attorney for the CSI

DATED this 14 day of 1

THIBEAULT FINANCIAL ADVISORY, INC.

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested by Mont. Code Ann. § 2-4-603 and §§ 30-10-101, et seq., and upon review of the foregoing Consent Agreement and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the foregoing Consent Agreement between the CSI and the Respondent Thibeault Financial Advisory, Inc. is adopted as if set forth fully herein.

DATED this <u>17</u> day of January, 2013.

MONICA J. LINDEEN Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Montana State Auditor

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Deputy Securities Commissioner

cc. Jameson C. Walker Brete Thibeault